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In Re Application of:

RALSTON et al.

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Title: ANTIBODIES TO HEPATITIS C VIRUS ASIALOGLYCOPROTEINS

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR §1.111

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action in the above-referenced application, mailed December 11, 2001. As the response is being filed before the due date of March 11, 2002, no fees are believed due. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge to Deposit Account No. 18-1648 any other fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17 and 1.21 which may be required by this paper, with the exception of the payment of the Issue Fee. Reconsideration of the application in view of the following amendments and remarks is respectfully requested.